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BLANTYRE FOR RLA CALDWELL

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AALC'S BAURMANN HAS RELAYED TO US THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM DENIS AKUMU, GENSEC OATUU, CURRENTLY IN ADDIS FOR THE OAU CM. BOTH SOURCES MUST BE PROTECTED:

1. AKUMU SAID HE KNEW AS FAR BACK AS LAST NOVEMBER THAT CELU WOULD HAVE TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE ICFTU. THE RUPTURE WAS THE WORK OF RISING PRESSURE FROM THE "DIRG", FOR WHICH ACTING FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ALEM AND ASST. GENSEC TESFA SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE BLAME.

2. TESFA AND ALEM WERE, IN FACT, PRECLUDED BY THE SITUATION FROM GOING TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR A VOTE ON THE ISSUE OF DISAFFILIATION LEST THAT MEMBERSHIP REJECT THE PROPOSAL.

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3. ACCORDING TO AKUMU, TESFA AND ALEM DENY THAT THE "DIRG"
PRESSURED THEM "BUT THEY CAN REALLY TAKE NO OTHER POSITION."

4. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, OTHER VIEWS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
GEBRE SELASSIE, A FORMER CELU OFFICER, IS ASSERTING THAT
TESFA/ALEM BROKE CELU AWAY FROM ICFTU ONLY TO ENHANCE THEIR
OWN POSITION WITH THE "DIRG."

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